I. *An Extract of a Letter from Mr.* John Cope *to Dr.* Alexander Stuart, *Phyſician in Ordinary to her* Majeſty, *Fellow of the* College of Phyſicians, *and of the* Royal Society, London, *concerning an* Antient Date *found at* Widgel-Hall *in* Hertfordſhire. *See* TAB. I. Fig. 1.

SIR, *Feb.* 25, 173$\frac{4}{5}$.

I Send you incloſed a Draught (ſee *Tab.* I. *fig.* 1.) of an ancient Chimney-piece (as I was informed it was) found on pulling down Part of *Widgel-Hall* in *Hertfordſhire:* There is cut upon it a Date expreſſed Part in *Roman* Numerals, Part in *Indian* Figures; which is the earlieſt Inſtance I have met with of the *Indian* Figures being uſed here in *England,* viz. ℨ. 16. or 1016. that at *Colcheſter* being in the Year 1090. See *Philoſoph. Tranſact.* N°. 266. The Carving is very fair, the Letter ℨ and Figures project out above a quarter of an Inch. The whole Chimney-piece is of *Engliſh* Oak Plank, and is now very firm, though 718 Years old, and was never painted over; it is 4 Feet 3$\frac{1}{2}$ Inches long; the Part under the 16 was broken off in taking it down in *Auguſt,* 1733, when the Houſe was on fire. * * *

Your, &c.

John Cope.

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

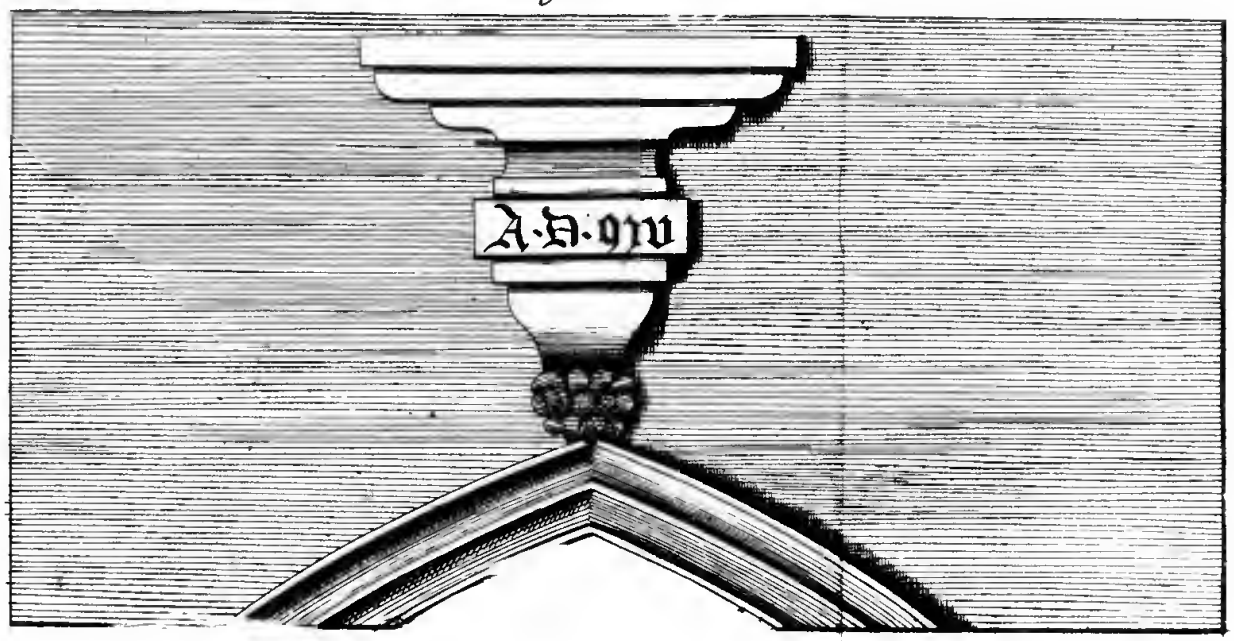

Fig. 3.

Indian	Antient	Modern
١	1	1
٢	2	2
٣	3	3
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